

FINAL MILE CAMPAIGN

Construction Capital Needed	\$451,510
Pledges	\$452,308
Pledges <u>Over</u>	\$ 798



Mortgage Support Needed	\$216,000
Pledges	\$186,012
Pledges Needed	\$ 29,988

<i>Pledge Amounts Received</i>	<i>\$442,442</i>
<i>Remaining Pledges to Collect</i>	<i>\$190,877</i>

*Thank you everyone for your commitment to this project.
Please send any pledge updates to edwards@scbloomington.com*

Email Devotionals: The Pastor is writing daily email devotionals during this time of isolation due to corona. Email office@downsumc.org to be added to the list.

The Swap Room continues to have great success! Have you visited the Swap Room yet? You can donate to the church clean and gently used items that your family is done with (stuff like: small furniture, home decor, toys, games, linens, kitchenware, small electronics, sports or exercise equipment, kick-knacks, DVD's, books, etc.). Church members can shop there by making a donation for whatever they pick up.



The Swap Room is open on Sundays 10:45am until noon. **Please come browse as the items will change each week. You can also drop items off at this time.**

Have questions, use the following email address:
swaproom@downsumc.org



December 13, 2020

SERVICE ONLINE
SUNDAY MORNING
WWW.DOWNSUMC.ORG



309-378-2651
www.downsumc.org

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Welcome
to



We are so glad you are worshipping with us on line! We would love to know who has joined us, so help us take church attendance by sending an email with the subject "Present". Please sing along if you are familiar with the songs.

If you would like to lend your talents and voices to elements of future online worship services,



FAITH AT HOME PAGE:
visit www.downsumc.org to visit the "faith at home" page and find great readable and downloadable content to aid you in growing closer to Go right at home!

This page contains a wide variety of

information:

- * Instructions on creating a worship space at home
- * Spiritual Discipline instructions (new ways to pray and more)
- * Devotions for the whole family while you're home

December 13, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Worship Song: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Pastoral Prayer

**Offertory
Doxology**

The Glory of Christmas

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-15

**Message by Rev. Ken Burgard
*Shepherds***

Worship Song: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected
Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins
release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and
consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou
art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom
bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious
throne

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It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Verse 1
It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the
earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to
men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2
Still thro' the cloven skies they
come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music
floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Verse 3
And ye beneath life's crushing
load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden
hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

Verse 4

For lo the days are hastening
on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling
years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the
earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give
back the song
Which now the angels sing

Verse 5 (not included in the
vocals)
Yet with the woes of sin and
strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have
rolled
Two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man
hears not
The love song which they
bring
O hush the noise ye men of
strife
And hear the angels sing

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Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and
voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

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As we focus on Giving Thanks, the Outreach committee would like to provide you details for virtual opportunities to also Give Back.

Home Sweet Home Ministries - Seeking donations of [URGENT](#) and [EVERYDAY](#) needs. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk at Home Sweet Home Ministries at 303 East Oakland Avenue, Bloomington IL, 61701, (309) 828-7356.

Illinois Heart and Lung Association - Sewing of Masks - Are you able to make handmade masks? The Illinois Heart and Lung Association needs your help. They have tons of fabric but no one to sew. If you think you can help the organization out please lslater@ihlf.org.

Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs - If you are looking for an awesome way to give back to veterans in a virtual way the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) has launched "Operation Rising Spirit," a campaign challenging service organizations, volunteers, families and friends and local community members to raise the spirits of military veterans and staff members who care for them every day at state veterans' homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy. Cards, emails, and video messages can be sent directly to the homes and socially distant on-site activities can be coordinated with:

- Illinois Veterans' Home at Anna, 792 N. Main St., Anna, IL 62906; c/o: Anthony Barnett;
- Anthony.Barnett2@illinois.gov
- Illinois Veterans' Home at LaSalle, 1015 O'Conor Ave., LaSalle, IL 61301; c/o: Susan Scully;
- Susan.Scully@illinois.gov
- Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno, 1 Veterans Dr., Manteno, IL 60950; c/o: Dave Pedersen;

- David.W.Pedersen@illinois.gov

* Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy, 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, IL 62301; c/o: Sara Colgrove; Sara.Colgrove@illinois.gov

Midwest Food Bank - Cards of Encouragement for Disaster Relief - Cards are needed for the family food boxes that are sent out for disaster relief situations like hurricanes, floods, and tornados. Cards can be homemade or purchased, and should include a simple message of hope, positivity, and care for the recipient of the box. This is a great family project as cards can also be crafted, signed or decorated by children too! No envelopes are necessary. Completed cards can be mailed to or dropped off at: 2031 Warehouse Road, Normal, IL 61761. Office hours are Mon-Fri from 8 AM – 4 PM.

Operation Gratitude - Operation Gratitude's mission is to forge strong bonds between Americans and their Military and First Responder heroes through volunteer service projects, acts of gratitude, and meaningful engagements in communities nationwide. How you can help.... Do you have a collection of Beanie Babies, or small plush toys like Webkinz or Burt's Bears, and are wondering what to do with them? Or perhaps a surplus of blank greeting/holiday cards? Send them to Operation Gratitude and they will put them in ALL of the care packages they send to deployed Troops! For more details, visit www.operationgratitude.com.

The Loft Rehabilitation and Nursing of Normal - The Loft is looking for some pen pals to write letters to some of their residents. See their [Facebook post](#) that shows photos of each resident needing a pen pal and topics they enjoy talking about.

Online Bible Study Group

Using the online meeting app “Zoom” we will be offering a meetings for prayer and Bible study on Tuesdays, at 10am. Pastor Ken will share a brief Bible study and we’ll have a chance to chat and pray together. We are limiting group size to 12. Please **send an email to: office@downsumc.org** to sign up. You’ll receive an email reply with an invitation to join the scheduled meeting via zoom.

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH & HEALING: Gary Adkisson, Clayton Bryan, Ron Terven; Yvonne Rosenow; Axel Riordan; Karen Walters; Robert & Ruth Christmas; Ray Piper; Mary Romine; Scott Romine; Neal Roach; Mary Goveia; Dave Bach

WISDOM: Axel Riordan Family

MILITARY: Josh McBride of the 3rd Infantry Division is going to South Korea

To be added to the prayer list please send information to prayerrequest@downsumc.org or calling the office at 378-2651. Please be sure to mention if permission has been granted to publish each individual’s name.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS are done through email. To be notified of a prayer request, please let the office know that you would like to be included in that group email.

When making prayer requests, please send an email to prayerrequest@downsumc.org and it will be sent to the group.

Today & This Week



Sun 12/13	6:00pm	On Line Worship High School Youth Virtual
Tues 12/15	10:00am 2-6pm 6-7:30pm	Zoom Bible Study Filming in Sanctuary 3rd & Below Virtual
Wed 12/16	4:00pm 6-7:30pm	Journey Group in Library Next Gen-Virtual 6th Grade Youth via Zoom
Sun 12/20	** 6-7:30pm	On Line Worship Service HS Youth Virtual

ALL meetings and groups using the facility need to schedule through Janice at office@downsumc.org.

Please don’t assume usual meeting space will be available, or that verbal okays from anyone else will guarantee your spot. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

PLEASE NOTE: The Food Pantry no longer needs empty laundry detergent bottle. Thank you for all that has been donated.